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## **Local Youth to Compete at Busch Stadium**

Every year, Pepsi & Major League Baseball conducts the Pitch, Hit & Run competition nationally for boys and girls up to age 14. The Columbia local contest was hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department on May 12 at Oakland Park. The winner for the 11 & 12 year old division was Mason Murray of Harrisburg scoring 917 points.

His performance at the Columbia local competition earned him the right to move on to the sectional competition in Rolla the following week. Mason won there as well earning 1,013 points. This outstanding performance allows him to compete in the St. Louis Cardinals Team Championship on Sunday, June 10.

The competition is at 8:30 a.m. at Busch Stadium preceding the Cardinals' game against the Los Angeles Angels which Mason will be able to attend. Mason will be competing against other young athletes in the region that won sectional competitions also. If Mason's score is one of the top 4 of his age group of all MLB Team Championships (each MLB team hosts a championship), he will qualify to compete in the All-Star Game Pitch, Hit & Run which will be in San Francisco on July 10.